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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Stephen M Brinich	Art Unit 2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-18 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Response filed 9/3/04: page 13, line 6 - page 14, line 8, with respect to claims 7-9 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection of newly presented claims 12-13 is made in view of Scott et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Scott et al.

Re claims 12-13, Scott et al discloses (column 11, line 66 - column 12, line 35; column 22, line 42 - column 23, line 39) a printing arrangement for reading an image, compressing the image data, reading out and decompressing the image data, and enlarging or reducing the image data. Control registers (column 22, lines 48-52) provide a plurality of print settings for enlargement/reduction and compression/decompression. The timing of the compression/decompression operations are controlled so as to concur with the performance of enlargement/reduction image

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processing or with the transmission image data for processing
(column 12, lines 4-7; column 23, lines 21-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-11 & 14-18 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication
of allowable subject matter:

Re claims 1, 10, & 17 (and dependent claims 2-6, 11, 16, &
18), the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited
control of compression and decompression timings in response to
the content or type (as opposed to the occurrence as recited in
claims 12-13) of an image processing operation.

Re claims 7-8 (and dependent claims 9 & 14-15), as noted by
Applicant (Response filed 9/3/04: page 13, line 6 - page 14,
line 8), the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited
arrangement of steps of enlargement, reduction, compression, and
decompression operations.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of
rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS
ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is
reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37
CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 703-305-4390. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 7:00-4:30, alternate Fridays off.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 703-306-0377.

If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 703-308-7452.

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Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to
the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 703-872-9306.

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